

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-35 are currently pending, Claims 1-4, 6-15, 17-19, 21, 25-30, and 32-34 having been amended to correct informalities, and Claim 35 having been added. The changes and additions to the claims do not add new matter and are supported by the originally filed specification.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-34 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-25 of Taricani, Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 6,347,304); and Claims 1-34 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicant notes that the Examiner did not indicate consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on January 28, 2002. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the IDS of January 28, 2002 be indicated as considered in the next PTO communication.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

With respect to the rejection of Claims 1-34 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting, Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c). Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that this ground of rejection is overcome and that Claims 1-34 are in condition for allowance.

With respect to new Claim 35, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 35 recites features similar to those of allowable Claim 22. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 35 is in condition for allowance.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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